



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Rooji et al.

Serial No.: 10/817,164

Filed: April 1, 2004

For: STORING AND DETECTING
NUCLEIC ACID ADMINISTERED TO A
SOLID CARRIER

Confirmation No.: 1592

Examiner: To be assigned

Group Art Unit: 1645

Attorney Docket No.: 2183-6412US

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER M.P.E.P. § 708.02 X

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Attention: Special Program Examiner for relevant group art unit

Sir:

Petition

Applicants petition to make application serial no. 10/817,164 relating to the diagnosis of HIV/AIDS, which has not received an action by the Examiner, special.

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Requirements under M.P.E.P. § 708.02 X

A statement signed by an applicant of application serial no. 10/817,164 indicating that the subject matter of the application relates to the diagnosis of HIV/AIDS entitled "Statement Supporting Petition to Make Special Under M.P.E.P. § 708.02 X" is transmitted herewith.

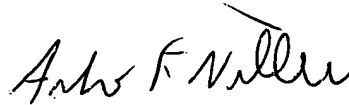
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The fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is to paid with the attached check for \$130.

Conclusion

If the Office has any questions, the Office is kindly requested to contact the applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number herein.

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